ANALYSIS OF THE VEHICLE FIRE OF MAY 30, 2020 AT 1400 BLOCK OF JOHN F. KENNEDY BOULEVARD PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

United States vs.
Anthony Smith

In The United States District Court For The Eastern District of Pennsylvania Case No. 20-CR-00368

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INTRODUCTION

This analysis of the vehicle fire incident, which occurred at the 1400 Block of John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is prepared pursuant to Rule 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. It is intended to serve as a disclosure of my expert opinions concerning this vehicle fire incident. This analysis is based on my review of documents, evidence, and information concerning the fire incident that occurred on May 30, 2020. A list of the material reviewed is given as Appendix A.

In developing my analysis and opinions, I have relied heavily on my knowledge of the Combustion and Fire Sciences, Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Fire Protection Engineering, Fire Dynamics, Explosion Dynamics, Fire Modeling, Heat Transfer, Smoke and Fire Detection and Notification, Fire Origin and Cause Investigations, Ignition, Flame Spread, and Toxicology. Additional information on my experience and training is provided in Appendix B (Resume and List of Publications).

The fee for preparation of this report and for testimony by deposition or in court is \$350/hour for Mr. Carpenter. A list of my testimony by deposition or in court over the last five (5) years is given in Appendix C.

The analysis and opinions expressed in this expert report are based on my knowledge of facts and information reviewed to date. All opinions are held to a reasonable degree of scientific and engineering certainty. If my opinions (or the bases for them) as expressed below change or if new opinions are formulated as a result of additional information that becomes available, I will amend or supplement my opinions appropriately.

BACKGROUND

On May 30, 2020, several police vehicles were damaged by fire on the 1400 block of John F. Kennedy Boulevard and in the surrounding area. Police Unit C-109 was a white, unmarked Philadelphia Police Department, 2012 Chevrolet Impala Sedan (Vehicle Identification Number: 2G1WD5E39C1282980; Pennsylvania license plate MG2189K; City of Philadelphia Public Property #125127). Police Unit C-109 was one of the fire-damaged vehicles. The fires coincided with public protests that occurred in Center City Philadelphia metropolitan area. Police Unit C-109 was later towed and secured at the office of Fleet Management (OFM) lot located at 100 East Hunting Park Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On May 31 and June 10, 2020, members of the Philadelphia Fire Marshal's Office (PFMO) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) Philadelphia Arson Task Force conducted a physical examination of Police Unit C-109 at the OFM lot. The scene portion of the fire origin and cause investigation was conducted at OFM Shop 134, on May 31 and June 10, 2020. The objective of fire investigation was to establish the fire origin and cause, which destroyed Police Unit C-109.

On June 11, 2020, Special Agent / Certified Fire Investigator (SA/CFI) Edwards telephonically interviewed Philadelphia Police Officer Robert Anderson of the Civil Affairs Unit. Officer Anderson was scheduled to work 8:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 30, 2020, but his tour was extended due to the public protests. Officer Anderson was operating vehicle C-109 that day. Officer Anderson stated that he parked his vehicle on John F. Kennedy Boulevard near N. 15th Street in response to a call for assistance from a police lieutenant. After parking the C-109 vehicle, Officer Anderson shut off the engine, ensured the windows were closed, and locked the doors after exiting. Officer Anderson stated that his brief case, personal items and police bag were

locked in the trunk. Officer Anderson reported no mechanical or electrical issues with Police Unit C-109. He also stated that no flammable liquids or road flares were stored inside of the vehicle.

Officer Anderson stated that he was assisting other officers when he observed a group of protesters rocking the car, smashing windows, and eventually overturning it over on its roof. Later, he observed the car on fire. Officer Anderson did not observe anyone setting the vehicle on fire. He advised that officers were unable to approach the vehicle because of the size of the crowd surrounding it.

Evidence shows that a burning road flare was introduced into the interior of the vehicle, resting on the interior headliner in close proximity to the front seat headrest. Figure 1 shows an aerial photograph depicting the burning vehicle subsequent to the introduction of the road flare to the interior of the vehicle. As the fire grew within the interior of the vehicle, flames began venting from the openings as a result of the development of a fully-involved, under-ventilated compartment fire.

After the fire was initiated and growing in size, unidentified protesters introduced lightweight and ordinary combustible materials (e.g., paper and/or light cardboard, a plant, and a 2" x 4"- dimensional lumber) to the interior of the vehicle. One of those unidentified protestors was Anthony Smith, who is shown in Figures 1 and 2 retrieving a white-in-color, sheet of paper/cardboard from the ground in the vicinity of the front of the burning vehicle. Figure 3 then shows an aerial view photograph of Anthony Smith introducing this white sheet of paper/cardboard through an opening and into the under-ventilated compartment fire within the interior of the vehicle.

Based upon the scene examination, an analysis of fire dynamics, and a review of photographs/videos of the incident (Figure 4), which depicted an activated flare inside the



passenger compartment and additional persons adding fuel, PFMO and ATF fire investigators determined that the fire originated inside of the passenger compartment of C-109.



Figure 1 – Aerial Photograph of Anthony Smith Approaching the Side of the Burning Vehicle.

The first fuels potentially ignited include, but are not limited to, readily available combustible materials already present inside of C-109 and items introduced by unidentified persons such as paper, cardboard, a plant, and a wood board. Photographs and video recorded at the time of the incident demonstrate that an unidentified person deliberately inserted a burning road flare into the passenger compartment of C-109. No fire was visible prior to that act. Burning road flares generate temperatures of approximately 2,650 °F (1,450 °C), produce significant heat release rates, and are commonly sold in durations of 15 minutes, 20 minutes and 30 minutes. The high temperature, heat release rate, and extended burn time make them suitable ignition sources for many different fuel packages including the headliner and upholstered seating. Shortly thereafter, flames became visible and fire extended throughout the vehicle.



Figure 2 – Aerial Photograph of Anthony Smith Retrieving a White Sheet of Paper/Cardboard from the Street in Front of Burning Vehicle.

It was the determination of the PFMO and ATF investigators that the fire originated inside the passenger compartment of C-109. The competent ignition source was identified as an open flame, specifically a burning road flare introduced to the interior passenger compartment. The road flare ignited combustible materials to include combustible items inside the vehicle as materials introduced to aid in the propagation of the fire. The circumstances that brought the ignition source and first fuels together was an intentional act by a person(s); therefore, this fire is classified as *INCENDIARY*.

METHODOLOGY

The general purpose of the investigation of fire and explosion incidents is to determine the fire *origin*, *fire cause*, responsibility, and means of prevention of fire and explosion incidents. In order to produce valid and scientifically reliable determinations, an investigator must follow the Scientific Method as outlined in NFPA 921, *Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations* [1].

NFPA 921 is the modern accepted science and methodologies in fire investigation. In addition, NFPA 1033, *Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Investigator* [2], provides that qualified fire investigators shall employ all elements of the Scientific Method as the operating analytical process throughout the investigation and for the drawing of conclusions.



Figure 3 – Aerial Photograph of Anthony Smith Introducing a White Sheet of Paper/Cardboard into Opening of Burning Vehicle.

The Scientific Method is the generally accepted methodology for conducting investigations in the physical and chemical sciences. The Scientific Method delineates a process by which a valid hypothesis, once formulated with *evidence*, is tested against all available *evidence* and the accepted principles of science and mathematics to determine if the hypothesis remains valid and if it explains an observed outcome or result. Otherwise, it is an invalid hypothesis that has been disproved.



¹ An *invalid hypothesis* is any hypothesis formulated without *evidence*.

The typical steps to follow in the Scientific Method, as applied to the investigation of fire and deflagration incidents, are to define the problem being investigated, collect <u>all</u> available <u>data</u>, analyze the data and <u>evidence</u>, develop a working hypothesis, and test the hypothesis to determine if it fits with the available <u>evidence</u> and the accepted principles of science and mathematics. This process must be repeated until a hypothesis is formulated that is <u>uniquely consistent</u> with <u>all</u> of the available <u>evidence</u> and there is no <u>evidence</u> that disproves the hypothesis.

The Scientific Method as applied to the investigation of fire and explosion incidents requires *evidence* (defined as data that is both relevant and reliable) in order to formulate a valid hypothesis. The Scientific Method also requires *evidence* in order to disprove a valid hypothesis. If, during the course of investigation, additional data and *evidence* relating to the incident becomes available, then the investigator may need to appropriately amend the original hypothesis to account for the new *evidence*. Thus, the Scientific Method may require an iterative process before one final valid hypothesis that is uniquely consistent with the available *evidence* can be reached.

Data collection includes information obtained from the fire scene observations, from testing physical artifacts, from witness statements, and other forms of documentation. The data and evidence are used to first formulate hypotheses concerning the origin of the fire (NFPA 921 Chapter 18). Potential areas of the building are considered as origin hypotheses and may be disproved if the origin is inconsistent with the data and evidence obtained or if the origin is not possible based upon the principles of fire science, knowledge of the dynamics of fire, and its interaction with the environment.

ANALYSIS

At "issue" in this case is the determination of the *origin* and *fire cause* and an analysis of the two (2) criminal charges of *arson*. The *origin* and *fire cause*, and the analysis of the *arson*



charges are all hypotheses that can be formulated and tested with evidence by applying the Scientific Method as specified by NFPA 921 [1] and NFPA 1033 [2].

With respect to the fire *origin*, based on the available evidence including photo and video documentation, the *area of origin* for this fire was within the interior of the Philadelphia Police Department Car C-109. More specifically, the *area of origin* was located at the interior headliner adjacent to the front seat head rests.

A *fire cause* determination requires the identification of three (3) elements; 1) the first item ignited, 2) the competent ignition source for the first item ignited, 3), how the first item ignited and the competent ignition source came together to initiate the fire [1]. Based on the available evidence, the first item ignited was identified as the upholstered interior headliner of the vehicle. The competent ignition source for the first item ignited is identified as an ignited road flare, as shown in Figure 4. How the first item ignited and the competent ignition source came together is identified as an unidentified male who placed the ignited road flare into the interior headliner of the vehicle.

A more specific issue is associated with the two (2) criminal charges of arson and one (1) criminal charge of aiding and abetting the arson. Arson is a criminal act predicated on the occurrence of a fire with a determined *fire cause classification* of an *incendiary fire cause*. An *incendiary fire* is a fire that is deliberately ignited with the intent to cause a fire to occur in an area where one was not going to occur, otherwise. Thus, the crime of arson involves the deliberate initiation of a fire.

In this case, there is no evidence that Anthony Smith had any involvement in the deliberate initiation of this vehicle fire through the introduction of a lit road flare by its introduction to the interior of the vehicle by an unidentified person. His actions involved the introduction of a sheet

of white paper/cardboard into an already established vehicle fire, as shown in Figure 5, thus, the introduction of this combustible was not a "first fuel ignited" and had no association with the initiation of the fire cause, as defined in NFPA 921 [1].



Figure 4 - Photograph of Ignited Road Flare on Headliner of Overturned Vehicle.

The term "aiding and abetting" can be defined as the act of helping, encouraging, or supporting someone in the commission of a crime. While "aiding and abetting" is a crime, the specific crime in this incident is arson and the commission of the crime is the intentional act of initiating a vehicle fire. There is no evidence in this case that Anthony Smith helped, encouraged, supported, aided, or abetted the unidentified individual who initiated this vehicle fire through the introduction of a lit road flare into the vehicle.



Figure 5 - Screen Capture from Video of Anthony Smith Introducing Paper/Cardboard into Opening of Burning Vehicle.

While the addition of combustibles to the burning vehicle can contribute to an increase in the growth rate or spread of the fire inside the vehicle, if such actions take place after the initiation of the fire, its introduction and potential contribution is not associated with the initiation of the fire and, thus, is not related to the crime of arson. In addition, the placing of a relatively small sheet of paper/cardboard in the interior of the vehicle would not significantly contribute to an increase in the growth or spread rate of the fire. In terms of total energy released in a fire, passenger vehicles have a total energy release on the order of 1000's of megajoules (MJ) [3].

In contrast, a sheet of standard sized paper has a total energy release on the order of 0.1 MJs; four orders of magnitude less in total energy release than the total energy release for passenger vehicles. For standard sized poster board/cardboard, the total energy released is on the order of 1 MJ; three orders of magnitude less in total energy release than for the total energy release of passenger vehicles.

In addition, at the time of the introduction of the white sheet of paper/cardboard to the interior of the burning vehicle, as shown in Figure 6, flames are extending from openings that communicate to the interior of the burning vehicle. Flame extension from openings in compartment fires are a visual indication that the compartment fire is burning in a ventilation-controlled combustion mode versus a fuel-controlled combustion mode [4].

In the initial stage of a compartment fire, the size of the fire (i.e., heat release rate) is controlled by how much surface area is involved in the combustion process. Flame spread across combustible surfaces increases the size of the fire by increasing the heat release rate through the involvement of more fuel. Thus, the amount of fuel involved controls the size of the fire.

In contrast, the chemical and combustion process requires an oxidant to burn the fuel. The oxidant in this case is the oxygen in air. Combustion will occur when the fuel-to-air ratio is within the flammability limits of the fuel under specific conditions. The combustion process (i.e., "burning") will not take place if there is insufficient fuel-to-air ratio. As the compartment fire grows in size (i.e., heat release rate), the quantity of air required to support combustion increases. When the compartment walls, ceiling, and floor restricts natural air flow into the compartment fire and the maximum rate of air flow is achieved at compartment openings (e.g., doors and windows), the compartment fire transitions from the fuel-controlled combustion mode to a ventilation-controlled combustion mode.

Thus, subsequent to the transition from a fuel-controlled compartment fire to a ventilation-controlled compartment fire, any increase in fuel, as provided by Anthony Smith, would not have increased the size or rate of fire spread in the compartment fire. Therefore, based on the preceding analysis, the contribution of paper/cardboard for an increase in the size of the fire and an increase in fire growth rate and spread is de minimis in this incident.

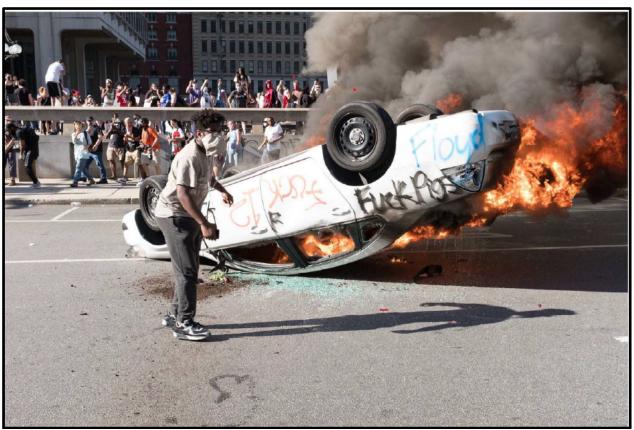


Figure 6 - Photograph of Anthony Smith After Introducing the Sheet of White Paper/Cardboard into Burning Vehicle.

There is a subsequent "at issue" related to how many times Anthony Smith introduced paper/cardboard into the burning vehicle. The photographs in Figures 3 and 6 have been used as evidence to hypothesize that Anthony Smith introduced paper/cardboard at two different points in time, based on the difference in visible fire conditions. More specifically, a difference in the visible volume of flames. A screen capture of the video, showing Anthony Smith after introducing a sheet of white paper/cardboard to the burning vehicle, is shown in Figure 7. A comparison of Figures 3 and 5, appears to show the visible flame volume in Figure 3 is greater than the flame volume observed in Figure 5. However, differences in the viewing angle and the presence of dark smoke obscuring the flames, in Figure 3, provides an explanation for the difference in visible flame volumes observed.

A more detailed comparison of Figures 3 and 5, Figures 6 and 7, and Figures 5 and 7, all demonstrate continuity in Anthony Smith's location and body position and are consistent with the same continuous action. This evidence disproves the hypothesis that Anthony Smith introduced a white sheet of paper/cardboard to the interior of the vehicle, more than once. There is no other evidence that would allow the formation of a valid hypothesis other than Anthony Smith introduced the paper/cardboard to the interior of the vehicle, only once, during this incident.



Figure 7 - Screen Capture from Video of Anthony Smith Adjacent to the Side of the Vehicle After Introducing a Sheet of White Paper/Cardboard to the Burning Vehicle.

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

Based on the available *evidence*, reliable application of the Scientific Method, and the preceding analysis, CSE has reached the following determinations and opinions:

• At "issue" in this case is the *origin*, *fire cause*, and two (2) criminal charges of *arson* and one (1) charge of aiding and abetting a criminal act.



- The *area of origin* for this fire was determined to be within the interior of the Philadelphia Police Department Car C-109. More specifically, the *area of origin* was determined to be located at the interior headliner adjacent to the front seat head rests.
- The first item ignited was identified as the upholstered interior headliner of the vehicle.

 The competent ignition source for the first item ignited was identified as an ignited road flare. How the first item ignited and the competent ignition source came together was identified as an unidentified male who placed the ignited road flare into the interior headliner of the vehicle.
- The crime of arson involves the deliberate initiation of a fire. There is no evidence that Anthony Smith had any involvement in the deliberate initiation of this vehicle fire through the introduction of a lit road flare by its introduction to the interior of the vehicle by an unidentified person.
- "Aiding and abetting" can be defined as the act of helping, encouraging, or supporting someone in the commission of a crime. There is no evidence in this case that Anthony Smith helped, encouraged, supported, aided, or abetted the unidentified individual who criminally initiated this vehicle fire through the introduction of a lit road flare into the vehicle.
- Based on fire dynamics analysis, the contribution of paper and/or poster board for the purpose of increasing the size of the fire and/or increasing the fire growth rate and spread is de minimis in this incident.

An analysis of the video and photographic evidence disproves the hypothesis that Anthony
 Smith introduced a white sheet of paper/cardboard to the interior of the vehicle, twice.

 There is no other evidence that would allow the formation of a valid hypothesis other than
 Anthony Smith introduced the paper/cardboard to the interior of the vehicle, only once,
 during this incident.

REFERENCES

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- 4. Drysdale, D., <u>An Introduction to Fire Dynamics</u>, third edition, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., West Sussex, United Kingdom, 2011.



Appendix A List of Reviewed Materials



List of Reviewed Materials

- 31 Photographs of Fire Scene.
- Video Labeled "Demers-Arson-0220174844".
- Video Labeled "FLET7843".
- Video Labeled "State v. LaFrance-Arson-021813452".
- Document Labeled "Disco p1-78 Re-Redacted".
- Document Labeled "Supp Disc p79 p82 (Superior Court Complaints)".



Appendix B Resumes and Lists of Publications



DOUGLAS J. CARPENTER, MScFPE, CFEI, PE, FSFPE

EDUCATION:

- M.S., Fire Protection Engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, 1996.
- B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, 1992.
- A.S., Mechanical Engineering, Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center, VT, 1984.

THESIS:

Carpenter, D. J., "An Investigation into the Validity of Modeling Post-Flashover Fires and Flame Extension from Openings with the Fire Field Model JASMINE", Worcester Polytechnic Institute, August 1996.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Research Assistant Professor, Department of Fire Protection Engineering, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA, 2009 to 2016. Appointment for research collaboration with faculty in the area of fire protection engineering.
- Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Fire Protection Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, December 2004 to 2016. Adjunct Lecturer for graduate level distance learning course Advanced Fire Dynamics for the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland.
- Vice-President and Principal Engineer, Combustion Science & Engineering, Inc., Columbia, MD, 1998 to present. Responsibilities include fire investigations, fire reconstruction analyses, and performing fire hazard analyses utilizing computer fire modeling including both zone models and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). Applied quantitative and performance-based fire hazard analysis skills to a wide range of projects including nuclear production reactors and facilities at DOE's Savannah River Site, building atria, manufacturing operations, transportation vehicles, airports, as well as United States research facilities and airport operations in Antarctica. Developed a flame-spread model for use in a CFD model of burning vehicles. Developed and taught classes and seminars in fire investigation, performance-based fire safety design, and computer fire modeling for such organizations as the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and the International Council of Building Officials (ICBO). Panel Member for Nuclear Regulatory Commission's PIRT (Phenomenon Identification Ranking Table) review process associated with computer fire modeling in the commercial nuclear environment. Contributed to Volume 3: Fire Dynamics Tools (FDT) as part of the NIST's verification and validation of selected fire models for nuclear power plant applications.



Staff Engineer, Hughes Associates, Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1996 to 1998.

Conducted in-house cone calorimeter tests for code equivalency evaluations and fire litigation support. Performed fire hazard analysis for military aircraft hush houses to determine technical requirements for alternative suppression system to existing Halon 1301 systems. Performed a review of fire hazards and fire suppression system options for the Halifax Class frigates of the Canadian Navy. Developed a computer program for the military evaluating alternative systems for existing Halon 1301 systems. Performed a comprehensive evaluation of the military's current Halon 1211 replacement program. Conducted on-scene fire investigations and computer fire modeling in support of fire litigation work. Conducted experiments that mapped the heat flux of Halogen Torchiere Lamps for development of a model to determine ignition potential of adjacent combustibles.

Fire Protection Engineer, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Arlington,

VA, 1995-1996. Assisted engineers in examining fire protection engineering issues associated with Amundsen-Scott South Pole, McMurdo, and Palmer Stations in Antarctica. Projects emphasized equivalent levels of protection for fire hazards and life safety using a systems and performance-based engineering approach in this unique and challenging environment. Actively involved with the fire protection specification and design for the proposed new research station at the South Pole as part of the South Pole Redevelopment Project (SPRP). Conducted a fire risk assessment of buildings in McMurdo Station, which included computer fire modeling. Conducted on-site visits of McMurdo and Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station.

Fire Protection Engineer, ABASCO Services, Inc., Augusta, GA, 1993.

Six-month graduate internship. Responsible for developing a framework for an alternative methodology to the average combustible loading method for fire barrier analysis. Reviewed and provided written critique for proposed on-site work connected with fire protection at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

Fire Protection Engineer, MBS Fire Technology, Inc., Worcester, MA, 1993.

Six-month graduate internship. Part of a team responsible for writing a revision of a fire hazard analysis for a nuclear production reactor using a performance-based approach. Provided recommendations for alternative methods to using Halon 1301 for fire protection within the reactor environment. Reviewed and provided written critique for proposed onsite work connected with fire protection at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION:

Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, National Association of Fire Investigators, 2005. Professional Engineer (P.E.), State of Maryland, License No. 32633. Professional Engineer (P.E.), Commonwealth of Virginia, License No. 0402055826.

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Fire Investigation for Fire Officers, IAAI Certification, 25 Hours, CFI Trainer, 2020.

Principles of Fire Investigation Multi-Program, IAAI Certification, 67 Hours, CFI Trainer, 2020.



HONORS AND AWARDS:

Photography Competition, 1st Place Accidental Fire Cause, International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), 2020.

Fellow, Society of Fire Protection Engineers, April, 2014.

Antarctic Service Medal of the United States of America, May, 1999.

Salamander Honorary Fire Protection Engineering Society, May 1995.

Campus Safety Association Scholarship Award, May 1995.

Percy Bugbee Fire Protection Engineering Scholarship, May 1995.

M&M Protection Consultants Scholarship, May 1994.

Dean's List at University of Vermont: Fall 1988, 1991, Spring 1992.

PATENTS:

Roby, R. J. and Carpenter, D. J., "Use of Buoyant Gases for the Simulation of Real Fire Sources," U.S. Patent No. 8,413,530, Issued April 9, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

Member, International Association for Fire Safety Science (IAFSS).

Member, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Fellow, Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE).

Member, National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI).

Member, International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI).

Member, DC/MD Chapter, International Association of Arson Investigators.

Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

Member, American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM).

Member, Building Officials Code Administration (BOCA).

Member, NFPA 92B Task Group, 1998.

Member, SFPE Task Group on Computer Model Evaluation, 1998-present.

Member, SFPE Educational Committee, 1999 – present.

Member, IAAI Fire & Arson Investigator Editorial Review Board, 2006 – present.

Alternate Member, NFPA 921, Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations, 2000 – 2018.

Associate Member, Engineering Sciences, American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), 2006.

Member, Arson Review Committee (ARC), The Innocence Project, NYC, 2005 – present.

PROFESSIONAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

Member, Board of Advisors, Fire Protection Engineering Department, WPI, 2009 – 2016. Member, IAAI Fire & Arson Investigator Editorial Review Board, 2006 – present.

REVIEWS OF ARCIVAL JOURNALS AND PUBLICATONS:

Peer Reviewer, Fire Technology, 2009 – present.



Peer Reviewer, *Fire Safety Journal*, 2007 – present. Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 2012 – present. Peer Reviewer, *Forensic Science International*, 2015 – present. Reviewer, *Fire & Arson Investigator*, 2006 – present.

INSTRUCTOR:

- **"Advanced Fire Dynamics"**, Adjunct Lecturer for graduate level distance learning course for the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland, December 2004 present.
- "Introduction to Fire Modeling", two-day course sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), Atlanta, GA, November 12 –13, 1998; Baltimore, MD May 13 –14, 1999, Baltimore, MD October 2 3, 2000, Idaho Falls, Idaho, May 7 8, 2002.
- "Introduction to Fire Modeling", one-day course sponsored by the International Fire Code Institute (IFCI), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), St. Paul, MI, November 17 & 19, 1998; Tacoma, WA, January 28, 1999.
- "Engineering Design Alternatives", one-day course sponsored by the International Fire Code Institute (IFCI), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), and the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), Tacoma, WA, January 29, 1999; Dallas, TX, April 7, 1999.
- "The Fire Safety Engineering Method", five-day course sponsored by Canadian Association of Building Code Officials, Winnipeg, Canada, May 30th June 4th, 1999.
- "Advanced Computer Fire Modeling", two-day course sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), New Orleans, LA, November 11 12, 1999; Baltimore, MD, October 4 5, 2000, Santa Fe, NM, March 14 15, 2002.
- "Introduction to Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS) and Smokeview", three-day course sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), Baltimore/Washington, September 16–18, 2002, Las Vegas, March 23–25, 2004, Chicago, September 21-23, 2004, Hawaii, February 1-3, 2005, Chicago, August 14-16, 2006.
- "Advanced Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS) and Smokeview", three-day course sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), San Diego, October 19 21, 2005, Baltimore, October 18 20, 2006, Las Vegas, October 16 19, 2007, Charlotte, NC, October 15-17, 2008, Scottsdale, AZ, October 21 23, 2009.
- "Use of Quantitative Tools for Analysis of Fire Dynamics", two-day course sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), Portland, OR, October, 2011.



"Fire Patterns and Investigation," Module 5, four-day course for criminal technicians employed at the National Forensic Center of the Danish National Police, Copenhagen, Denmark, and Revinge, Sweden, June 11th, 12th, 15th – 18th, 2015.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- FPE 580L "Case Studies in Fire Safety Engineering Science", Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Advanced Distance Learning Network (ADLN), 16-week course, Instructor: Dr. Patrick J. Pagni, University of California at Berkley, Fall, 2000.
- "Smoke Management for Atria and Other Large Spaces", one-day course sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE), and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Baltimore, MD, October 6, 2000.
- "Accreditation, Certification, and Certificates," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/3/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "An Analysis of The Station Nightclub Fire," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 9/14/2007, 4 credit hours.
- "Arc Mapping Basics," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/3/2020, 4 credit hours.
- "Basic Electricity," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/3/2020, 4 credit hours.
- "Charleston Sofa Super Store," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/6/2020, 4 credit hours.
- "Charting Your Career Path in Fire Investigation," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/10/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "Communicating the Value of Membership in the IAAI," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/10/2020, 0 credit hours.
- "Critical Evaluation and Testing of Commonly Reported Accidental Causes," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/8/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "Critical Thinking Solves Cases," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 6/4/2008, 4 credit hours.
- "Digital Photography and the Fire Investigator," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 12/18/2008, 4 credit hours.



- "Discovery in Civil Cases," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/13/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "Discovery in Criminal Cases," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/13/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "DNA," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/13/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "**Documenting the Event**," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/13/2020, 4 credit hours.
- "Effective Investigation and Testimony," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 1/21/2010, 3 credit hours.
- "Electrical Safety," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/9/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "Emerging Technologies in Fire Investigation," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 12/1/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "Ethical Duties Beyond the Fire Scene," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/28/2020, 3 credit hours.
- "Ethics & Social Media," IAAI tested training program (CFI Trainer), completed 4/29/2020, 3 credit hours.
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